

HELPFUL RESOURCES

Huddleston Baptist Family Services
(314) 241-4245

COMTREA Adolescent Substance Abuse Program
(636) 296-6206, Arnold, MO
or (314) 773-3670

Housing Resource Center
(314) 771-2273

Job Corps
(314) 679-0300

Legal Services of Eastern Missouri
(314) 534-4200

Missouri Children's Division
(Formerly known as DFS)
Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline
1-(800) 392-3738

**Missouri Division of Child
Support Enforcement**
(314) 340-7400

New Beginnings Adolescent Substance Abuse Program
(314) 758-4900

**Police Department
Juvenile Division**
(314) 444-5327

Provident Counseling
(314) 533-8200

Public Defender's Office
(314) 340-7681 or 552-2250

St. Louis City Juvenile Detention Center
(314) 552-2194

**St. Louis Public Schools,
Recruitment & Counseling Center**
(314) 367-1368

Youth Emergency Services
(314) 727-6294

AVAILABLE PROGRAMS

**Anger Management
Community Service & Restitution
Curfew Checks
Drug Court**

**Drug Education
Family Counseling
Individual and Group Counseling
Parenting Classes
Self-Esteem
Sexual Offender Therapy**

**Substance Abuse Treatment
Tutoring**

GED:

S.L.A.T.E.	(314) 589-8000
Youth Build	(314) 436-1400
Youth Works (YIN)	(314) 351-5510
Covenant House	(314) 772-6530



**If you need assistance or an
accommodation in order to participate
in these court services, please contact:**

**THE AMERICANS with
DISABILITY COORDINATOR,
JANICE KOCH**

**at
920 North Vandeventer Ave
St. Louis, Missouri 63108
or by telephone
VOICE (314) 552-2118
TDD (314) 531-6158**

Comprehensive Study Unit

(A BARJ Unit*)



Family Court - Juvenile Division
2741-A Cherokee (Rear)
St. Louis, Missouri 63118

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Monday - Friday (Except Holidays)



Dedicated to Juvenile Justice

What is the Comprehensive Study Unit?

The Comprehensive Study Unit consists of deputy juvenile officers who are responsible for investigating the backgrounds of juveniles who are before the court on allegations of delinquency and offering recommendations to the judge at the time of the court hearing.

What types of charges are handled by the Comprehensive Study Unit?

The Comprehensive Study Unit handles cases wherein a juvenile has been charged with committing an act, which if committed by an adult, would be a crime. Offenses such as shoplifting, auto theft, possession or sale of drugs, carrying a weapon, assault, and property damage are a few examples of the type of charges handled.

What happens to a juvenile's case during the time it is in the Comprehensive Study Unit?

- ◆ *The juvenile will be appointed an attorney if he/she cannot afford one;*
- ◆ *If detained, a detention hearing will be held within 72 hours of the date of detention (excluding weekends and holidays);*
- ◆ *The juvenile's case will be assigned to a Deputy Juvenile Officer;*
- ◆ *The child and parent will meet with the Deputy Juvenile Officer to be served a summons, and to provide information for the preparation of a Social Investigation which is required by state law;*
- ◆ *A Risk and Needs Assessment is completed in order to assist the Deputy Juvenile Officer with making a recommendation to the court for treatment, if the charges are proven;*
- ◆ *The Deputy Juvenile Officer can refer the child for pre-court services such as a Victim-Offender Mediation (VOM), drug assessment, a psychological or psychiatric evaluation, in order to insure that the most appropriate treatment is provided for the juvenile if the charges are proven.*

How long does a case stay in the Comprehensive Study Unit?

In most cases, the hearings are docketed and completed within six weeks.

When I meet with a Deputy Juvenile Officer, what paperwork should I bring with me or have available for reviewing?

- ◆ *Juvenile's Medicaid or insurance card;*
- ◆ *Copy of any school records, including the most recent report and IEP (Individualized Educational Plan), if available;*
- ◆ *Copy of child's birth certificate;*
- ◆ *Papers of guardianship or other court orders regarding you and the child;*
- ◆ *Name and address of any psychologist or psychiatrist who is currently or has in the past provided services to the juvenile;*
- ◆ *Verification of your income;*
- ◆ *Juvenile's Social Security number.*

As a parent, what will I be expected to do while my child's case is in the Comprehensive Study Unit?

- ◆ *You will be expected to be present at all court hearings and to bring the child if (s)he is in your physical custody;*
- ◆ *Cooperate with the Deputy Juvenile Officer by answering all questions truthfully and to the best of your ability;*
- ◆ *You will be expected to cooperate with and follow all orders issued by this court regarding you and your child.*
- ◆ *If the juvenile is adjudicated, and in accordance with the Parental Responsibility Section of the laws of the State of Missouri (Chapter 211.134 R.S.Mo.), you may be required to:*
- ◆ *Attend counseling sessions;*
- ◆ *Participate in any institutional treatment program, including meetings at the institution when your child is placed (if applicable).*

As a juvenile, what will I be expected to do while my case is in the Comprehensive Study Unit?

- ◆ *You will be expected to be present at all court hearings;*
- ◆ *Cooperate with the Deputy Juvenile Officer by answering all questions truthfully and to the best of your ability;*
- ◆ *Meet with the Deputy Juvenile Officer as required.*

What happens to the case after the juvenile has been adjudicated (found guilty) of the charge(s) in the petition?

Official Court Supervision:

- *The juvenile can be placed on Official Court Supervision (OCS) and the case transferred to one of the supervision units for monitoring;*
- *The juvenile will then be responsible for obeying all rules of supervision imposed by the court, and to meet with a Deputy Juvenile Officer on a scheduled date and time;*
- *Sanctions will be imposed each time the juvenile violates a condition of Official Court Supervision;*
- *Rewards can be earned by a juvenile when (s)he obeys the conditions of Official Court Supervision, or*

Out of Home Placement:

- *The juvenile can be placed out of the home in a residential facility such as Boys and Girls Town of Missouri, and Edgewood Children's Home. Also, the juvenile can be placed with the Missouri Division of Youth Services.*

The Safe Schools Act requires the court to notify a juvenile's school when a petition is filed alleging that the juvenile committed one of the following crimes:

*1st Degree Murder *2nd Degree Murder *Kidnapping
*1st Degree Assault *Forcible Rape *Forcible Sodomy *1st Degree Burglary *1st Degree Robbery
*Distribution of Drugs to a Minor *1st Degree Arson
*Voluntary Manslaughter *Involuntary Manslaughter
*2nd Degree Assault *Various Other Sexual Offenses
*Felony Restraint *1st Degree Property Damages
*Possession of a Weapon.

As a result of this requirement, the school may take action, which could result in the juvenile being suspended or expelled from attending school.

***As a BARJ (Balanced and Restorative Justice) Unit, the Field Unit B will work with juveniles in such a manner as to hold them accountable for their behavior, while protecting the community and providing them with activities which are designed to help them become a productive member of the community in which they live.**